

Appl. No. 10/676,632
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Reply to Office Action of August 29, 2006

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 8, and 12 have been amended. No new matter has been added to the amended claims. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, Rejection of Claims 1, 8, and 12

Claims 1, 8, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for reciting the limitation "STM" in the claims without sufficient antecedent basis. The use of "STM" was amended to "TM" in Claims 1, 8, and 12 to correct this rejection.

Double Patenting Rejections of Claims 1-17

The Claims 1-17 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims (1-17) of U.S. Patent No. 7042666. This rejection is overcome with the enclosed terminal disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 408-717-8309.

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